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"Leadership, Partnership, and Championship"

WISQARS™



WEB BASED INJURY STATISTICS
QUERY & REPORTING SYSTEM

What is WISQARS™?

WISQARS™ (Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System), pronounced "whiskers," is an interactive system that provides injury-related mortality data useful for research and for making informed public health decisions. You can use Injury

Mortality Reports to determine injury deaths and death rates for specific external causes of injuries. You can use Leading Causes of Death Reports to determine the number of injury-related deaths relative to the number of other leading causes of death in the United States or in individual states. Go to WISQARS™ at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars/>

*"I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I
want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books
I want to read, and all the friends
I want to see."*

-John Burroughs

New Tobacco Cessation Guidelines

Hot off the press are the new Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ) formerly Agency for Health Care Policy & Research (AHCPR) Clinical Practice Guidelines for Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence! The updated Guidelines offer the latest empirically validated strategies for brief, intensive and system tobacco interventions. The recommendations include using the 5 A's (ask, advise, assess, assist and arrange) for intervention in the primary care setting; and outlines motivational interventions to educate, reassure and motivate to quit tobacco use. The complete report by Dr. Michael Fiore and others may be found at JAMA.2000;283:3244-3254; at the JAMA website <http://jama.ama-assn.org/issues/v283n24/full/jst00005.html> and at the U.S. Surgeon General's website

Celebrate National Therapeutic Recreation Week July 9-15, 2000

The purpose of National Therapeutic Recreation Week is to enhance public awareness of therapeutic recreation programs and services, and expand recreation and leisure opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

This year's theme is "Therapeutic Recreation—Our Greatest Contribution...Quality of Life." The 2000 theme aims to educate internal and external audiences about the importance of therapeutic recreation to the quality of life and well being of persons with disabilities.

During the nationwide celebration, agencies and individuals host health fairs, career days, festivals, wheelchair athletic events, workshops, receptions, information booths and open houses. Proclamations, press releases, articles and public service announcements also help enhance awareness during National Therapeutic Recreation Week.

For more information about National Therapeutic Recreation Week visit
<http://www.activeparks.org>